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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, UN, BC, LT, RH

SUBJECT: SC CONSIDERATION OF BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO

REF: USUN 1469 (NOTAL)

1. WE GATHER THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSIONS OF THE SITUATION IN BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO WILL CENTER ON SYG WALDHEIM'S LETTERS OF APRIL 18 REQUESTING AID FOR PROBLEMS FACED BY BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO, BASED IN TURN ON REPORT OF DEPUTY SYG FARAH'S MISSION TO THOSE COUNTRIES. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT BOTSWANA, UNDER PRESSURE FROM MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES AND WITH NEED FOR UNPLANNED DEFENSE EXPENDITURES UNDERLINED BY RECENT RHODESIAN INCURSION, CANNOT MEET EVEN MINIMAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS WITHOUT INCREASED EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE. SAME IS TRUE OF LESOTHO WHICH SUFFERING FROM DROUGHT AND TERMINATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN GRAIN SUBSIDY.

2. THEREFORE, IF RESOLUTIONS ARE PRESENTED AT SC MEETINGS MAY 24 AND 25 CALLING ON UN MEMBER STATES TO CONTRIBUTE TO BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO ALONG LINES OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN FARAH REPORT, AND IF RESOLUTIONS ARE NOT OTHERWISE UNACCEPTABLE, MISSION SHOULD VOTE IN FAVOR.

3. IN URGING OTHER NATIONS TO ASSIST, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT US IS ALREADY TAKING STEPS, SUBJECT TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS, TO MAKE MORE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO.

4. IF, CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS REFTTEL, MATTER OF ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEE STUDENTS SHOULD BE RAISED, US DEL SHOULD SUPPORT THIS ALSO, NOTING THAT WE TAKING STEPS, SUBJECT TO SAME CAVEAT AS PARA 3, TO OBTAIN FUNDS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR EDUCATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. FOR FY 77, US IS ALREADY DISCUSSING WITH BOTSWANA FINANCING FOR TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS WELL AS ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND AND UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO. FY 77 EXPENDITURES FOR THESE PROJECTS SHOULD APPROXIMATE 7 MILLION DOLLARS.

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